

## House Resolution No. 1497

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Downing, treasured residents of Moberly, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on April 2, 2005, with a festive celebration to be held in Moberly; and

**Whereas**, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on April 2, 1955, Adrain H. Downing and Shirley A. Martin began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Moberly; and

**Whereas**, since that happy day, Adrain and Shirley Downing have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Downing provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a stellar employee of Toastmaster, Inc. for thirty-two years and the City of Moberly for eight years, while Mrs. Downing enjoyed her family immensely and showed her special love for them by dutifully caring for her home and remaining supportive of their every endeavor; and

**Whereas**, Adrain and Shirley Downing attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three children, Linden Downing, Donnie Downing, and Jeffrey Downing; and their three grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Adrain and Shirley Downing have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Adrain and Shirley Downing upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Downing.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Therese Sander  
District No. 22

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1497, adopted March 29, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker